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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE VISITS NIGERIA

- 1. PRIME MCNISTER SAM TOME AND PRINCIPE, MIGUEL TROVOADA, PAID TWO DAY VIFIT NIGERIA SEPTEMBER 23-25. ON ARRIVAL HE TOLD REPORTERS MAJOR PROBLEMS FACING HIS COUNTRY AFTER INDEPENDENCE WERE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL. ON DEPARTURE HE SAID FMG HAD GIVEN SAM TOME/PRINCIPE ASSURANCES OF ASSISTANCE. HE ADDED VISIT HAD AFFORDED HIM OPPORTUNIZY DISCUSS BILATSRAL RELATIONS WITH NIGERIAN HEAD OF STATE BRIGADIER MURTALA MUHAMMED.
- 2. COMMENT: TROVOADA VISIT APPARENTLY WHAT HE DESCRIBED IT TB BE -- TRIP TO SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM WEALTHY NEIGHBOR. NO RPT NO DETAILS ON WHAT ASSISTANCE FMG PROMISED BUT WE WOULD POINT OUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ONE OF CRITICISMS LEVELED BY NIGERIA'S NEW REGIME AGAINST

GOWON ADMINISTRATION WAS THE GIVING OF MONEY OTHER COUNTRIES. BELIEVE CRITICISM WAS DIRECTED PRIMARILY AT GOWON LARGESSE IC CARIBBEAN BUT REQUESTS FOR AID LIKELY BE GIVAN VERY CLOSE SCRUTINY BY NIGERIA'S NEW RULERS. BUT TAP ISN'T TURNED OFF COMPLETELY; FMG RECENTLY PROVIDED \$32,750 DOLLARS TO ANC IN LUSAKA AND \$1-MILLION DOLLARS FOR DROUGHT ASSISTANCE IN SOMALIA (MOGADISCIO 1374 NOTAL). BOTH ARE RELATIVELY SMALL AMOUNTS FOR ESTABLISHED AFRICAN CAUSES. EASUM

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